

FOR PSA MEMBERS: SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS)

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Update: COVID-19

The PSA received complaints from members, specifically in the Compliance Division, that they are requested to report to the office. After consultation with the employer, the PSA was informed of the following:

- Members who are still on leave are not recalled and will remain on leave.
- Members who are on standby are expected to work remotely from home.
- The Compliance Division has picked up an increase in fraudulent VAT activities and therefore the need for more people to be operational. The employer indicated that it requires an additional some 30 people per office, comprising the following areas:

10 PIT Auditors

10 VAT Auditors

10 Auditors to perform other functions.

These 30 staff members will be required to commence duty on Monday, 6 April 2020. They will work until Friday, 10 April 2020 and will be rotated the following week.

After the PSA's discussion with the employer, it was agreed that those auditors who are identified to go into the office and who are willing can take their desktop computers home and work from home. They do require VPN access and must ensure that this is activated immediately. Such an employee also needs to have internet access at home and be willing to use this data to perform their functions from home. The employer indicated that until it can provide data, it will reimburse staff on a percentage basis for the data used.

Travel permits

It is vital that members only travel when they have been issued with a travel permit. This permit needs to be with them together with their ID or SARS ID. The employer indicated that it issued permits to those members who cannot print the permit at home in order to travel.

GENERAL MANAGER